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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Washington 25, D. C.

Office of the Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT : Ad Hoc IAC War Planning Working Group

1. The National Security Council will continue in wartime its present function as the key policy advisory body to the President on national security matters in accord with paragraph 2. a. of NSC 5521, 1 June 1955. It is also assumed that the Council will look to me for intelligence advice and support, and I, of course, shall continue to look to the IAC in wartime as in peacetime. Therefore it would seem desirable for the IAC jointly to examine, for planning purposes particularly those concerned with the planning problems pertinent to Operation Alert, the impact of war or assumed war upon its functions. Consequently there is proposed establishment of an ad hoc IAC Working Group, under the chairmanship of CIA,

- a. to identify IAC problems that may arise at Operation Alert 1956 and,
- b. to recommend procedures for their solution.

This group should report to the IAC by 3 April 1956 in order that the solutions to those war planning problems pertinent to Operation Alert 1956 may be developed in time for testing.

2. This matter will be considered at the IAC meeting on 28 February 1956.

/s/ ALLEN W. DULLES  
Director

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